

**Tall Pines STEM Academy Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting Date: October 21, 2022**  
**Location: Tall Pines Campus – Camp Long, Aiken South Carolina**  
**Commencement Time: 5 pm**

Presiding: Michelle Lorio

**1. Meeting Opening:**

- a. Michelle Lorio called the meeting to order at 5:08pm. Chasity McDaniel read the mission. Michelle Lorio called roll and a quorum was established.
- b. Meeting Attendance:
  - i. Present:
    - Lori Mastromonico, Stephen Lance, Tim Meesseman, Chasity McDaniel, Phillip Dersham, Jennifer Minolfo, Sandy Blankenship
  - ii. Absent:
    - Mandy Sims, Tracie McBride, Alisa Perry
  - iii. Public members:
    - None

**2. Old Business: No old business**

**3. Matters for Decision:**

- a. Approval of September Meeting Minutes:
  - i. The minutes were approved. Jennifer Minolfo motioned for approval. Tim Meesseman seconded. Vote was unanimous.
- b. Move vote of approval of September and October financials to November meeting.

**4. Matters for Discussion**

a. Board Elections

i. An email was sent out to parents October 15<sup>th</sup> detailing the people who are running for board positions. Ballots will go home with students on Monday, October 24 and will need to be turned in by Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Ballots will be counted on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00pm.

Appointments - The board needs to make selections for appointments to the board

- Member of the community (one-year appointment) Mandy Sims
- Local Business Person (two-year appointment) Michele Lorio
- Teacher (one-year appointment) Melissa McKnight
- Teacher (two-year appointment) Jennifer Minolfo

Motion was made by Phillip Dersham to approve these appointments. Chasity McDaniel seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

b. Fundraising Committee Update

i. Tim Meesseman said to keep this committee because there is always projects to fundraise. Phillip Dersham is still the point person on this.

**5. Executive Session**

- a. None

**6. Matters of Noting:**

- a. School/Principal's Update (Lori Mastromonico)
  - i. Lori Mastromonico brought up a change with ESSER Money – An amendment was made to change from specific teacher salaries to generalized salaries. The time frame was also changed.
  - ii. Athletics are going great! Cross Country just finished. Boys team came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. The team was very supportive of each other. Volleyball semi-finals are next week. Golf Team came in 1<sup>st</sup> in last match.
  - iii. Clubs – Beta Club and FCA started this year. Other clubs are doing well.
  - iv. State Report Card – Tall Pines received a rating of excellent with a score of 63. This can be viewed online.

**7. Meeting Finalization:**

- a. Review actions to be taken:
  - i. Prep ballots for Board Members
  - ii. Have background checks ready for new board members to fill out at November meeting.
  - iii. Voting on Financials for months of September and October at next board meeting.

Next Meeting:

- iv. November 17, 2022 at 5pm.
- b. Comments:
  - i. None
- c. Meeting close:
  - i. It was motioned by Chasity McDaniel to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Tim Meesseman and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.